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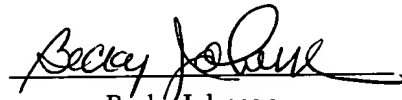
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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 22, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 8 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 10 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.

**Conclusions** begin on page 16 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing Figure 1 is attached following page 16 of this paper.

Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows.